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HIS LARYNX EXPOSED BY THE GASH.

The Slayer of His Wife and Her Mother,
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Not Recover.

John Mackin shot and killed his wife and his mother-in-law, Mrs. Bridget Connors, and dangerously wounded his father-in-law, Morris Connors, at No. 110 Phillips street, Jersey City, Thursday night. He was captured shortly afterward in a nearby station, where he had gone and coolly announced his crime.

Overcome with remorse for his horrible deed, John Mackin, in his cell in the Fourth Precinct Station House, Jersey City, early yesterday morning attempted to end his life by slashing his throat with a razor. The weapon, secreted in his shoe, had been overlooked when he was searched after his arrest.

His attempt to cheat the gallows was, however, thwarted by the prompt arrival of a physician.

Policeman Post, who, with Detective Hoida, arrested the murderer, twice searched Mackin before he was placed in cell No. 6. Both he and Policeman Mulock, who had been detailed to guard Mackin, will have to face charges of neglect of duty preferred by Chief of Police Murphy.

Mackin rested quietly during the night. At 6 a. m. yesterday, Doorman O'Neill arrived at the station house and inspected the cell corridor. Policeman Mulock was on guard in front of Mackin's cell. The murderer appeared to be asleep. At 6:45 a. m., Mulock left his post to go to the desk, behind which sat Roundsman Higgins. A few minutes afterward Doorman O'Neill again passed through the cell corridor, and as he glanced toward Mackin's cell, the murderer was sitting up and appeared to be picking his teeth. As O'Neill turned to leave the corridor, he noticed what appeared to be a pool of water. He discovered it was blood, however, dripping from a gash in the murderer's throat.

"Bring the keys!" shouted O'Neill to Mulock. Roundsman Higgins, the key in his hand, dashed into the corridor. As he inserted it into the lock Mackin staggered to his feet. The razor fell with a clang to the concrete floor of the cell as Mackin half fell forward against the grated door. Roundsman Higgins seized Mackin as he sawing the door open and attempted to staunch the flow of blood with cotton and bandages hastily brought by Mulock. Doorman O'Neill had, meanwhile, gone for a physician. Dr. George McLaughlin, of Crescent and Harrison avenues, soon arrived. He was followed by City Physician Everett.

CUT FIVE INCHES LONG.
Dr. McLaughlin in the meanwhile, after Mackin had been handcuffed, succeeded in staunching the flow of blood. He found the cut to be five inches long, and ranging from one and a quarter to three-quarters of an inch in depth. The deepest part was on the left side, where the razor blade had first entered. The weapon was then drawn horizontally across the throat just above the Adam's apple, exposing the larynx. As soon as the physician had finished their work Mackin was taken to the City Hospital in a patrol wagon. He was placed in the male ward under guard of a policeman.

Separated only by a thin partition from the murderer is old Morris Connors, his father-in-law.

The wound in the old man's throat made by the thirty-eight-caliber revolver used by Mackin in his deadly fusillade gave Connors considerable trouble yesterday. He could scarcely articulate. He appeared quite cheerful, however, and, despite House Surgeon Varley's admonition that he might endanger his chances of recovery, insisted upon having his daughter, Annie, and son, William, called to his bedside.

Both children were deeply affected, Annie sobbing silently as she leaned across the bed in which her father lay. Instructions regarding the funeral arrangements of the mother and sister were given the children. They were told under no circumstances to allow an autopsy to be performed.

This injunction caused trouble later in the day, when County Physician Charles B. Converse appeared at Undertaker Robert Elliott's establishment, on Communipaw avenue, near the junction.

Elliott took charge of the bodies of the mother and daughter about 10 p. m. Thursday. He was not allowed, however, to remove them from the house, Annie and William ordering him to lay them out in the parlor. When Dr. Converse was informed that such was the case, he ordered that the bodies be removed to the undertaker's room. The brother and sister, however, created a scene. A sister of Mrs. Connors, who is now in charge of the house, also entered a protest. Dr. Converse then decided not to issue a burial permit, and ordered that the bodies be taken to Elliott's place to-day. He said he would perform the autopsy this afternoon.

HAD THREATENED YOUNG CONNORS.
Young William Connors visited Police Police Headquarters yesterday afternoon. He told Chief Murphy that Mackin had once threatened to shoot him because he warned him to cease annoying his sister. "If I had been in the house when the tragedy occurred," he added, "he would undoubtedly have killed me."

The little house in which Mackin did his deadly work was yesterday visited by many friends of the Connors family. The kitchen, where were traces of the life blood of Mackin's victims upon the floor, was the centre of attraction. The parlor, in which the bodies were, held sacred to the mourning relatives.

Mackin late yesterday afternoon became excited and raved about the shooting. He frequently exclaimed: "I want to die! Why didn't you let me finish the job?" Then he would point at his bandaged throat.

His record as given by the Jersey City police is a bad one. "He began his career of crime," said Chief Murphy yesterday



afternoon, "when he was about twelve years old. He was caught then robbing a store. As he grew older he consorted with toughs, and now this crime seems to be a fitting finale to his ill-spent life."

MURDERER'S FATHER HEARTBROKEN.
Mackin's father, Harry Mackin, is employed as bartender in Fred Lampert's place, Montgomery and Warren streets. He is heartbroken over his boy's deed, having in vain endeavored to reform him. The murderer, about a week ago, was before Justice Potts, in the First Criminal Court. Policeman Moohan, of the Second Precinct, had caught him climbing through a rear window of his father's house, No. 383 Grove street. The old man had locked him out, angered at continued disregard of his authority. Mackin was discharged. His last place of employment was in Foley's saloon. He was discharged about two months ago. Mackin was arrested some time ago for running away with a trolley car from the Bergen avenue terminus, but escaped punishment.

The revolver used by Mackin, a Hopkins & Allen .38-caliber, was purchased at Fred Payne's pawn shop, Newark avenue. Mackin paid \$2 for it, using the money received on two coats, stolen from his brother, which he had pawned in the same place.

Mackin's attempt at suicide recalls another case where a prisoner was not thoroughly searched, at the Fourth Precinct Station House. About three years ago Henry Sikler, accused of wife beating, surrendered himself to Sergeant Wohleben, who was in charge of the station. Policeman Niebank failed to search him, and when he reached a cell he blew out his brains. Sergeant Wohleben was reduced, but has recently been reinstated. Policeman Niebank was dismissed.

IS NOT THORNE'S WIFE.

Court of Special Sessions Reverses Magistrate Kudlich's Decision in Miss Kennedy's Case.

The efforts of the twenty-year-old girl who is trying to prove that she is the wife of Richard V. Thorne, of No. 38 West Seventy-eighth street, received a setback yesterday in the Court of Special Sessions, when Justice Jerome handed down an opinion reversing the decision of City Magistrate Kudlich, who had held that she had been legally married. Justice Jerome declared that he personally believed the production of the wedding ring and the certificate of marriage proved the plaintiff's right to alimony. The majority of the court, however, did not take this view.

Miss Anna Kennedy was a student in the Willard Seminary, at Troy, up to the time of the alleged marriage with Thorne. She is the daughter of one of Troy's wealthiest citizens, and has letters testifying to her good character from a number of reputable residents of that city, including the Mayor and postmaster, and the Rev. Father Walsh, of St. Peter's Roman Catholic Church. The defendant, who formerly lived in Troy, was, it is claimed, on visiting terms with his sister and family, and on October 30, 1894, took Miss Kennedy, with her mother's consent, to dine at the home of his sister.

They drove back to Albany, where they remained two days, afterward coming to this city, where Thorne introduced her to the back of a saloon, who he said was an Alderman of the Fourteenth District, explaining his presence there on the ground that he was electing a member of the club. The defendant, who formerly lived in Troy, was, it is claimed, on visiting terms with his sister and family, and on October 30, 1894, took Miss Kennedy, with her mother's consent, to dine at the home of his sister.

After performing the ceremony he gave her a roughly drawn marriage certificate, telling her to his sister that he was a lawyer, and at any time, when he would furnish one in legal form. Thorne went to Chicago, and the bride, calling upon Alderman Walsh, was surprised to find he was not the "Alderman" who had married her. Further investigation showed her marriage had not been registered. Her father, advised by this time, and notified Lawyer W. J. Fanning, who promptly brought suit for abandonment.

Thorne was defended by Lawyer William F. Howe, who appealed from Judge Kudlich's decision against his client to the Special Sessions.

The plaintiff's father has declared his daughter will not accept a cent of Thorne's money, no matter what may be the amount of alimony awarded, his object being solely to vindicate his daughter's character. Lawyer Fanning will appeal.

HOW TO EDUCATE GIRLS.

Mrs. C. A. Runkle Gives Her Views to a Large Audience.

Mrs. C. A. Runkle spoke on "The Relation of Parents and Teachers from a Mother's Standpoint" to a large audience in Hamilton Hall, Columbia College.

The meeting was held to consider questions relating to the education of girls in private schools in New York. It was under the auspices of a committee of sixty mothers and teachers, formed to effect reforms in the education of girls. Mrs. Runkle said:

"There should be no examinations in such a school, and, if they were held, they would be tests of merit, and not for the purpose of making a good show. In such a school a girl should be left until she is eighteen, or better still, twenty years old, and then she will come out eager for knowledge."

Strange fancies of strange, weird artists, whose diseased minds have contrived posters that have lately electrified Paris. The strangest, the latest, the craziest! In Sunday's Journal. Order now or you will miss it!



Scenes Surrounding John Mackin's Murderous Work.

John Mackin, who shot to death his wife, Lizzie, and her mother, Mrs. Bridget Connors, and wounded Morris Connors, perhaps fatally, on Thursday night, in Jersey City, tried to kill himself by cutting a gash in his throat, five inches long, with a razor, which he had secreted in his shoe, before he committed the awful deed for which he was looked up. When put in his cell a policeman was placed on guard outside of the door to watch the prisoner for the night. Early in the morning the guard stepped to the Sergeant's desk, and though only absent a few moments, Mackin took advantage of the opportunity and made the attempt on his own life. While inspecting the corridor in which was Mackin's cell, Doorman O'Neill, as he glanced into the cell, saw the murderer sitting up, apparently picking his teeth. Looking on the floor, O'Neill saw something, which he at first thought was water, but on closer examination found it to be blood, which was dripping from the wound Mackin had made in his neck. Assistance was called and he was removed to the City Hospital, where he occupies a cot only a few feet from the one on which his father-in-law lies, with a bullet imbedded in his throat and hovering on the verge of death. Mackin has a slight chance of recovering.

SOUND MONEY DEMANDED.

James H. Eckels, Comptroller of the Currency, Addresses the Massachusetts Reform Club.

Boston, Mass., Feb. 28.—"The Currency" was the general topic under consideration at the banquet of the Massachusetts Reform Club, at Young's Hotel to-night, James H. Eckels, Comptroller of the Currency, being the chief speaker. There were about 150 members and guests in attendance, and every one of the speakers spoke in commendation of the firm stand in favor of sound money taken by the present Administration. Resolutions were adopted in favor of the settlement of all international disputes by arbitration, and it was voted that the President appoint a committee of five to represent the club at the conference upon this subject at Washington.

George S. Hale, president of the club, presided, and in a brief speech introduced Comptroller Eckels. He said: "I rank the currency question as always demanding a wiser statesmanship than the problem of national taxation. The voter has, in a fair contest, after long and diligent inquiry, passed upon the theory and practice of the protectionist's plan of taxation, and has decided in favor of the free trader. The bugaboo of the protectionist is now a thing of the past, and the three things enumerated by a great economist as the arguments which the protectionist always advances, I am unwilling to entertain as a possibility the idea that the American citizen, in the light of past experience, can be led to feel that his financial salvation lies in subjecting himself to higher rates of taxation rather than through the adoption of a monetary system that reflects neither upon his national honor nor upon his pocket."

"The Government is striving to maintain that single gold standard of value and continue gold payments under conditions wholly unnatural and in defiance of all monetary laws and experience. Those charged with the responsibility of keeping untainted the nation's currency credit are denied powers commensurate with the difficulties with which they have to contend, and when they bring into use even the poor means at their command, if this far the Government has succeeded in escaping financial disgrace, it has done so at a tremendous cost and at the expense of every taxpayer in the land."

Until the inflationist is dislodged there can be no permanent cure for our financial ills. When his career is ended the Treasury of the United States will cease trying on the operations of a bank, its notes of issue will be paid and canceled and their baneful influence lifted from all the industries in the land."

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NO STRIKE IS LIKELY.

New York and Brooklyn Railroad Men Unorganized.

Neither the representatives of the employees nor of the street car companies were willing to admit yesterday that there is any probability of a sudden tie-up of the roads in New York.

It was learned, however, that a few days ago President Mahon, of the Amalgamated Association of Street Railway Employees of America, was in this city and Brooklyn for a day or two endeavoring to organize the men. It is understood that though the organization of surface railroad employees in New York went to pieces after the last general tie-up, yet since then they have been secretly organizing. They held a meeting in a hall on Pearl street near Park row, about six months ago and formulated grievances. They admitted, however, that they were not in a condition to strike then, and did not intend to strike.

President Vreeland, of the Metropolitan Street Railway Company, said yesterday: "I have heard of these alarming rumors of strikes in other cities, but the men have made no complaint here. They are paid higher here than in any Eastern city. The conductors and gripmen on the cable cars get \$2 a day for the first year. Then the gripmen are advanced to \$2.40 a day and the conductors to \$2.25. On the other lines it is \$2 all around, and the working time is ten hours out of twelve a day. Trippers are paid in proportion at the same rates. If a regular man wants half a day off, the tripper who takes his place gets one-half of that day's pay and the regular man gets the other half."

Up to the time of the trolley strike in Brooklyn the surface railroad men belonged to District Assembly No. 75. A conference was held in Mugge's Hall, in Bridge street, Brooklyn, the headquarters of District Assembly No. 75, between some of its leaders yesterday afternoon. None of them would admit that a strike was at hand.

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MONEY TO BE ASKED FOR MISSIONS.

Over Eight Thousand Applications Already
for the Three Thousand Chairs—The
Programme for Next Tuesday's
Mass-Meeting.

President Cleveland has accepted the invitation to preside at the rally and mass-meeting of the Home Missions of the Presbyterian Church at Carnegie Hall on Tuesday evening next. Mrs. Cleveland has been invited, but at present it is doubtful if she will accompany her husband. Duncan J. McMillan, Secretary to the board, said last night:

"Mr. Cleveland in his letter of acceptance spoke with a great deal of feeling of our missions. He mentioned the fact that his father had at one time been a member of our board, and that his brother, Edward P. Cleveland, of Fredonia, N. Y., had also served as a missionary of the Presbyterian Church. He has a sister at the present time doing mission work at Beatrice, Neb. The President told of his great admiration, more especially for the educational work the missions are doing among the Indians."

The arrangements for the reception of the President are in the hands of the Rev. Dr. Charles L. Thompson, chairman of the special committee and promoter of the meeting. President Cleveland will arrive in the city in company with the Rev. Dr. T. De Witt Talmage late on Tuesday afternoon. He will be immediately driven to some hotel for dinner.

The Rev. John Hall, D. D., President of the Board of Home Missions, will be temporary chairman of the meeting, and after prayer by Dr. W. C. Roberts, he will introduce President Cleveland as the presiding officer of the evening. The President will then deliver an address. Other speeches will be made by the Rev. Sheldon Jackson, D. D., Superintendent of Education for Alaska; the Rev. T. De Witt Talmage, of Washington, and Mr. Booker T. Washington, principal of the Tuskegee Institute, Alabama.

The Rev. Dr. Charles L. Thompson will then make an appeal for contributions towards defraying the debt of \$232,000 which hangs over the institution. The platform will be reserved for ministers and officers of the Board of Foreign Missions and Church Extension. The floor of the hall will be given to officers of Presbyterian Churches and their families.

The hall seats 3,000, but over 8,000 applications for admission have already been received.

The meeting will begin at 8 o'clock sharp. Reserved seats will be held only until ten minutes before that time. After that the entire hall will be thrown open to the public.

After the ceremonies President Cleveland will take the midnight train back to Washington.

DETECTIVES WANT MORE TIME.

They Still Have the Theory That Fitzgerald Killed Egla.

The detectives working on the Egla murder case went to Assistant District Attorney Oliver yesterday to secure a fourth postponement of the inquest. Oliver communicated with Coroner Fitzpatrick, who was at home confined to his room by illness. Fitzpatrick did not take kindly to the proposition. All the witnesses will be summoned to appear at the Coroner's office Monday and at that time Oliver will argue for adjournment.

The officers, who have returned to the theory that Willie Fitzgerald is guilty of the murder, say they need further time for investigation.

STEAMER BERMUDA LABELLED.

Robins & Co. Filed a Claim Against the Filibuster's Vessel.

John M. Robins & Co., dry dockers, have filed a libel in the United States District Court against the steamship Bermuda, which was seized last Monday night when about to leave this city on a filibustering expedition to Cuba.

Their claim is for \$1,121.38, for services in docking and repairing the vessel. The steamer, which is the property of the United States Marshal, and the writ is made returnable on March 17.

Ship J. B. Walker Floated.

The American sailing ship J. B. Walker, which had been stranded on Liberty island since February 6, was floated yesterday by two wrecking tugs and towed to Ed Basin. The ship was apparently uninjured. She will be drydocked and surveyed.

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